

# Other Initiatives

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## **HB2223 SD1**

### **RELATING TO BOXING.**

Conforms state law to the federal Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, incorporates into law current practices and procedures, clarifies the Boxing Commission's jurisdiction over professional boxing contests, and makes general housekeeping revisions.

## **HB2341 HD1**

### **RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

Provides for staggered terms for the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

## **HB2354**

### **MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO RISK MANAGEMENT.**

Makes an emergency appropriation of \$1.55 million to cover prior year insurance losses and increases the spending ceiling of the risk management revolving fund to \$12 million.

## **HB2363 HD1 SD2**

### **RELATING TO PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS.**

Adopts Revised Model Nonprofit Corporation Act provisions relating to oversight of charitable and educational nonprofits by the Attorney General.

## **HB2378**

### **RELATING TO THE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

Amends Chapter 26-35, HRS, to state that every board and commission established within a department is considered an arm of the State and enjoys the same sovereign immunity available to the state.

## **HB2385 HD1 SD1**

### **RELATING TO ACCESS TO VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS BY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

Grants the Child Support Enforcement Agency access to birth and parentage records to improve its efforts to enforce child support payment orders and comply with federal audits.

## **HB2414**

### **RELATING TO DENTAL INSURANCE.**

Extends by one year the time to liquidate the insolvent dental plan, Hawaii Dental Health Plan. This change will allow DCCA to continue to seek monies to repay provider and consumer creditors.

## **HB2418**

### **RELATING TO ABANDONED APPLICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSES.**

Clarifies if an application for a professional or vocational license is not completed and/or the required supporting documents are not submitted to DCCA within two years, the application will be considered abandoned.

## **HB2421 SD1**

### **RELATING TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS.**

Establishes a one-tier licensing system that will allow a sole proprietorship to pay a single licensing fee as a firm, rather than having to pay multiple licensing fees as a principal and agency. This bill also enhances consumer protection by requiring principal detectives or guards to be responsible for the direct management and control of the agency, and by requiring licensees to have a history of honesty, truthfulness, financial integrity and fair-dealing. In addition, the bill clarifies that the Board of Private Detectives and Guards' disciplinary authorization includes the denial, renewal, and reactivation of a license.

## **HB2423**

### **RELATING TO COSMETOLOGY LICENSE RESTORATION.**

Allows the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to apply the same criteria to restoring beautician's licenses as they do for barber's licenses. Both beauticians and barbers could regain their license within three years of it being inactive.

## **HB2426**

### **RELATING TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEVATOR MECHANICS.**

Revises the training requirements for licensing of elevator mechanics to conform with federal and state apprenticeship standards.

**HB2439****RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE SIRENS.**

Allows for expedited construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of civil defense sirens by exempting them from the coastal zone management permit process.

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**HB2446****MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING INCREASES.**

Funds pay increases in the Department of Education for bargaining units 1 and 5 that took effect in January 2003 but inadvertently omitted from the biennium budget. Appropriates \$7.4 million for FY2003-04.

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**HB2466****MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

Makes an emergency appropriation in FY04 of \$3,055,896 to allow the state to meet its legal obligation to pay for workers' compensation claims.

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**HB2511 SD1 CD1****RELATING TO INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING.**

Conforms the state withholding tax remittance due date for employers with an annual state withholding tax liability that exceeds \$40,000, to the remittance due date required under federal employment tax provisions. Also changes the state remittance due date from monthly to "semi-weekly" and lowers the electronic funds transfer threshold amount for withholding taxes to amounts that exceed \$40,000.

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**HB2523 HD1 SD1 CD1****RELATING TO PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES.**

Clarifies that passenger facility charges are exempt from fund transfers to pay for central service expenses.

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**SB2005****RELATING TO MEDICAL RECORDS.**

Requires mental health service providers to notify clients that the client's records will be released for billing purposes to the client's insurer. The information may only be released to the insurer after the patient has been offered the opportunity to pay the reimbursement claim directly and has declined to pay.

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**SB2550 HD1 CD1****MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.**

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii State Teachers Association collective bargaining agreement negotiated in April.

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**SB2815****RELATING TO MILK CONTROL.**

Transfers from the Governor to the Director of Agriculture the responsibility to sign an order every month establishing a salvage value price for milk. The formula upon which the price is set is approved by the Governor.

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**SB2820****RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.**

Revises statutory provisions that impair the transfer of agricultural land from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture by allowing the transfer of multiple, non-geographically adjacent parcels of land.

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**SB2834 SD2 HD2 CD1****MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**

Appropriates funds for the payment of claims against the State for: refunds of taxes; judgments and settlements; and other miscellaneous payments.

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**SB2839 SD2 HD2 CD1****RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.**

Protects charitable organizations and private donors from being taken advantage of by professional fundraisers by strengthening the oversight of professional solicitors and professional fundraisers. This bill will require professional fundraisers and solicitors to disclose the percent of every donation that reaches the charitable organization and establishes enforcement authority and penalties to protect the public from unethical practices.

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**SB2902 SD2****RELATING TO TELEMARKETING.**

Specifies that a violation of the federal Do-Not-Call provisions constitutes an unfair or deceptive trade practice under Hawaii State law.

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**SB2905****RELATING TO MEDICAL BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

Expands the types of disciplinary actions the Board of Medical Examiners may impose by adding the sanctions of censure and reprimand, thereby allowing the severest sanctions (i.e. suspension or revocation of license) to be used after intermediate sanctions have been imposed.

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# Enhancing Good Government

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**HB2295 HD1**

**RELATING TO COLLECTIONS ON DELINQUENT COURT-ORDERED PAYMENTS.**

Authorizes the judiciary to contract with a bonded collection agency or licensed attorney to collect delinquent court-ordered payments.

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